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State Library awards LearnATest grants to 29 Missouri public libraries

Missourians now have even greater access to test preparation, career guidance, and skill development materials, thanks to Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funding from the Missouri State Library.

Twenty-nine public libraries have been awarded grant funds to provide LearnATest, a Web-based, interactive resource that offers test preparation for more than 350 academic and professional exams. With LearnATest, library patrons can access practice tests that range from U.S. citizenship to graduate school entrance exams. LearnATest can be accessed from library computers or from remote locations with a user name and password.

Libraries listed below with an asterisk are participating for a second year in the grant program, and were required to provide local matching funds. The total amount of LSTA funds awarded is \$80,855.

Library	Grant Amount
*Adair County Public Library	\$ 1,900
*Albany Carnegie Public Library	\$ 945
Atchison County Library	\$ 1,896
*Barry-Lawrence Regional Library	\$ 2,852
*Barton County Library	\$ 1,900
Bowling Green Free Public Library	\$ 1,896
Cass County Public Library	\$ 4,075
*Carthage Public Library	\$ 1,900
Caruthersville Public Library	\$ 1,896
*Christian County Library	\$ 2,852
Daviess County Library	\$ 1,896
De Soto Public Library	\$ 1,896
*Dunklin County Library	\$ 1,900
Festus Public Library	\$ 1,896
*Jefferson County Library	\$ 2,852
Kansas City Public Library	\$ 5,408
Keller Public Library	\$ 1,896
*Livingston County Library	\$ 1,901
Maplewood Public Library	\$ 1,896
*Marshall Public Library	\$ 1,900
Mississippi County Library District	\$ 2,715
Nevada Public Library	\$ 2,230
Rolling Hills Consolidated Library	\$ 2,715
Scotland County Memorial Library	\$ 945
*Sedalia Public Library	\$ 1,900
*St. Joseph Public Library	\$ 2,852
*St. Louis County Library	\$18,893
Webster County Library	\$ 2,715
*West Plains Public Library	\$ 2,235

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Summer institute offers training to library staff

Summer Institute attracted almost 100 participants to Columbia on August 3-6, for another year of great sessions on various library skills. State Librarian Sara Parker opened the Institute at the annual luncheon, welcoming participants and encouraging them to get the most out of their experience.

As usual, basic skills class presented a four-day overview of public libraries and public library services. Topics ranged from handling difficult patrons to making the most of the reference section. Participants also received hands-on Internet training at MOREnet.

Two advanced courses in organizing library material and library administration and management offered participants the chance to hear from experts in the field. Pat Wagner, a frequent speaker at state and national library conferences, lead the administration and management course, and Erlene Dudley, director of Dulany Library at William Woods University, lead the organizing library materials session.

Back by popular demand, the technology skills course met at the MOREnet lab and focused on basic troubleshooting, networking, and an introduction to PC hardware. MOREnet instructors lead the program.

The next opportunity to attend a library skills institute will be February 15-18, when the State Library sponsors Winter Institute. In the meantime, check the State Library Continuing Education Calendar at www.sos.mo.gov/ce_calendar for an easy way to see what other training opportunities are occurring across the state.

Blunt announces scholarships for library students

Missouri Secretary of State Matt Blunt recently announced another round of scholarships awarded to qualified Missourians pursuing graduate and undergraduate degrees as professional librarians.

Blunt awarded a graduate scholarship to Jacque Gage, director of the Barton County

Library and student at the University of Missouri–Columbia. Gage anticipates graduation in 2008.

Betty Herndon, library media specialist at the Osage County R-2 School District, received a graduate scholarship and anticipates graduation from MU–Columbia in December.

The final graduate scholarship was awarded to Julie Schwartz, a library assistant for the Kirkwood Public Library children's room and student at MU–Columbia. Schwartz anticipates a 2006 graduation date.

The scholarship program is now in its second year, and is an effort to address Missouri's increasing need for qualified school, public and academic librarians.

Missouri State Library scholarships cover tuition and class fees at colleges and universities in Missouri. Scholarship recipients must commit to work in a publicly funded Missouri library upon graduation. The work commitment is one month of full-time employment in return for each credit hour of academic course work supported by the scholarship.

"Rapidly emerging technology and the demands of a knowledge-based economy are transforming library science," Blunt said. "I am delighted that we are able to offer Missouri's best and brightest future librarians a new source of financial assistance with the cost of their education, especially at this time of financial challenge for higher education in our state."

The Missouri State Library scholarships are supported by funds from the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

Secretary's Council examines the state of libraries in Missouri

In an effort to understand how librarians in Missouri support one another, the Secretary's Council on Library Development heard from several regional groups at the September meeting. The council heard about the state of public libraries in

Missouri, what needs they face, and how the organizations help each other deal with the issues that arise.

Representatives from the Grand River Library Conference, Librarians 911, Librarians Anonymous, and SEMO Direct all gave presentations on the structure of their organizations and the primary concerns they would like the council to consider. Of particular importance to the groups was the desire for continuing education, training, and communication/networking opportunities, which allow for the small and rural libraries involved to keep up with critical library matters.

Council members will consider the input of these organizations at the November meeting, when the proposed plan for FY2006 LSTA grant funds are evaluated. Council meetings are open to the public, and detailed agendas and minutes from past meetings can be found at www.sos.mo.gov/library/council/sosc.asp.

Missouri poet selected as finalist for National Book Award

Poet Carl Phillips, professor of English and of African and Afro-American Studies at Washington University in St. Louis, has been selected for the second time as a finalist for the 2004 National Book Award in poetry.



Phillips was nominated for his seventh collection of poetry, *The Rest of Love: Poems*, published in February by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. The highly acclaimed poet also was a National Book Award finalist in 1998 for his third collection, *From the Devotions*, published by Graywolf Press.

Just four days before receiving a phone call with news of his nomination, Phillips was recognized for yet another prestigious honor: his induction October 9 into the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.



Web Watch

Nations of the World

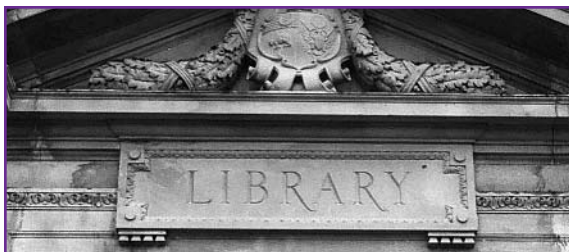
www.loc.gov/law/guide/nations.html

Part of the Law Library of Congress's Global Legal Information Network, this site provides links to information on all the countries' constitutions as well as their legislative, executive, and judicial bodies. Links to web sources like World Factbook, County Studies, and Human Rights Reports are a bonus.

Woman's Day book recommendations

www.womansday.com/community

Members of various national library organizations recommend books targeted to parents and caregivers, and allow readers to share their thoughts about selections.



Missouri Library News

Clinton County tax levy fails

An effort to create a new library district in Clinton County failed on November 2, leaving the county with only libraries in Cameron and Lathrop and no countywide service. If approved, the 35-cent levy would have provided storefront libraries in Plattsburg and Gower, replaced the volunteer operations of the Van Buren-Spaeth Library in Lathrop, and given the county access to state funding.

Supporters of the levy had hoped that the creation of the system would eventually lead to membership with the Mid-Continent Public Library. Cameron Public Library, the only tax-supported library in the county, did not participate in the election and had not intended to become part of the countywide system.

The levy was defeated by a margin of 378 votes.

Hermann library moves to new location

The Hermann branch of the Scenic Regional Library System doubled its square footage with a move to a new facility in August. The library moved to a more centralized location that offers an expanded children's section and better parking. Several hundred people attended the library's open house, held on August 31.

Two new libraries showcased St. Joseph

The East Hills branch of the St. Joseph Public Library and the Rolling Hills Consolidated Library both held grand opening ceremonies recently, highlighting two new and impressive facilities to serve the northwest part of the state.

St. Joseph Public Library marked the occasion with the release of 20 doves, and an esti-

mated 450 people gathered at the library to hear various speakers and tour the new building. It's the first new facility for the library system in more than 90 years, and is equipped with a 12,000 square foot reading room, 20 public access computers, two meeting rooms, and a coffee shop. During its first two days, the library checked out almost 4,000 items – more than the library system's Carnegie branch did in the entire month.

Rolling Hills celebrated the renovation of their facility by showcasing its videoconferencing capabilities to the crowd of well-wishers. Bill Mitchell, executive director of MOREnet, welcomed the group from his office in Columbia, and commented on the benefits that come from the technology found in modern libraries. A bagpiper, caricaturist, and magician also entertained the crowd during the celebration. The new library contains a community room, conference rooms, two "quiet study" rooms, a Friends' gift shop, and designated space for public access computers.

The East Hills branch of the St. Joseph Public Library opened in September; the Rolling Hills Consolidated Library's grand opening was held October 17.

Volunteers make the difference for Lebanon-Laclede

Secretary of State Matt Blunt spoke at the grand opening of the Lebanon-Laclede County Library on September 25, congratulating the community on the impressive new facility. Previously a Kmart, the building took two years to complete and now houses the library, gift shop, coffee shop, and a Route 66 Museum.

"This will become a center for the community, a center for research, and a center of learning," said Blunt. "I am sure the founders of the library would have been very proud and certainly amazed if they were here today to see what their library had become."

Organizers took special time to acknowledge all the donations and volunteer effort involved in building the new library. Mark Rector, library trustee and former board president, offered special thanks to the Hughes



Ozark Regional Library recently purchased and renovated an existing building for its new Fredericktown branch. The 7,130 square foot facility provides over two times the space of the previous library, and includes adult and children's reading areas, computer terminals, local history room, and two community rooms.

Foundation, which helped purchase the building; Dan and Joan True, who volunteered their time and services as project manager and decorator; students at the Maplecrest Elementary School, who raised \$4,000 in pennies; trustee Duard Johnson, for his many contributions to the project; and several other major donors and volunteers.

Since the library opened general library traffic has doubled and the meeting rooms are heavily used by area organizations and clubs.

Renovations and satellite location for St. Louis

A new satellite location and a renovation to the historic Carondelet branch are in the planning phases for the St. Louis Public Library System. Both projects are underway and expected to be complete within 18 months.

The satellite location project will place a new downtown library location in the renovated Old Post Office building. The location

will occupy about half the space of an average St. Louis branch and is being planned as a quick-service browsing library for downtown workers and residents. Because of the satellite relationship with the Central Library and the Old Post Office's location in the center of downtown, the new branch location will be called "Central Express."

The Carondelet branch renovation will update the 1908 Carnegie building with modern features and services. New power systems and fiber-optic networks will bring patrons state-of-the-art Internet services and computer access. A new elevator and handicapped accessible entry will give patrons easier access to the entire building, and new lighting will improve reading and study areas. The branch's auditorium and community room will be completely remodeled as well.

Library officials estimate the Carondelet branch renovation to cost about \$2 million. The satellite location at the Old Post Office is part of a larger \$35 million building renovation by the Desco Group.

Online health information tool encourages partnerships

"Public Libraries and Community Partners: Working Together to Provide Health Information," a new online resource from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, encourages health information partnerships between public libraries and local community organizations. Six extensive guides show how to deal with the growing demand for health information, how to provide health information services, how to develop a community based program, how to develop partnerships, and other valuable resources. The site, nnlm.gov/libinfo/community, also contains a section for funding opportunities through the National Network.



Personal Notes

newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)



Appointments:

Marge Kudrna recently joined the State Library staff as the library development consultant for literacy. Kudrna is responsible for the library's literacy-related grant projects and works as a liaison with state literacy organizations.

Prior to her employment at the State Library, Kudrna served as a library media specialist with Jefferson City School District. She retired in June 2004 after 33 years in public schools. Kudrna has a B.S. in social science and an M.A. in history from Lincoln University.

Waller McGuire has been named executive director of St. Louis Public Library System. He succeeds Dr. Glen Holt, who held the position for more than sixteen years and retired earlier this year. McGuire has served as interim director of the library since January.

McGuire has worked for the St. Louis Public Library since 1989. He first served as an assistant branch manager and branch manager before being named deputy director of the library, a position he has held for the past ten years. In his role as deputy director, McGuire has been responsible for overseeing public services throughout the system as well as the construction program, which has sought to bring major renovations to all 16 library locations. Under McGuire's leadership, the vast majority of construction projects have been completed, and the remaining locations are in planning.

McGuire holds a B.A. from Earlham College and earned his master's in library science from the University of Kentucky.

Gary Kremer of Jefferson City has been named as executive director of the State Historical Society of Missouri. He will also serve



State and local dignitaries, including Secretary of State Matt Blunt, participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Morgan County Library on August 11, 2004. Located in Versailles, the proposed 12,000 square foot facility is expected to open in April 2005.

as the director of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, a repository of primary source materials operated jointly by the University of Missouri and the Society. His appointment became effective on September 7.

Kremer received bachelor's and master's degrees from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, and his doctorate in history from American University in Washington, D.C. He served as a professor of history at William Woods University in Fulton from 1991 until accepting the Society's directorship, and was on the history faculty at Lincoln University from 1972 to 1987. From 1987 until 1991, he was Missouri State Archivist. Kremer has received numerous awards as an educator for his scholarship and historic preservation work.

Retirement:

Lucy Middleton, director of the Morgan County Library, is retiring after 36 years. Middleton began working at the library as a part time bookmobile clerk, and eventually became director in 2001. She will still work one day a week as needed. Her retirement is effective October 1. **Connie Hiland**, who served as assistant director at the library, will take over as director.

Smartest Card campaign launched



The Public Library Association launched a new advocacy campaign in conjunction with National Library Card Sign-Up Month, emphasizing the li-

brary card as the most valued and used card in every wallet.

The new campaign, "The Smartest Card. Get it. Use it. @ your library®" can be used across the country to promote library card use and enrollment. Stressing how public li-

braries are partners for vibrant and educated communities, the campaign objective is to involve the whole library community.

"This campaign is all about the tremendous value our libraries offer," said PLA President Clara Nalli Bohrer, director of West Bloomfield (Mich.) Public Library, in announcing the campaign. She noted that at a time when the role of libraries is evolving and there are increased competition and budget cutbacks, it's more important than ever to fill the information gap about the value of libraries.

Promotional materials and other tools are available on the American Library Association's "Smartest Card" Web site, at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary.

Trustees complete workshop series

Seventeen trustees from Missouri libraries spent four of their Saturday mornings during the past year to participate in the Missouri State Library's trustee workshops. While almost 70 trustees attended the workshops, only 17 completed all four and received a "Master Trustee" certificate from the State Library.

The Library began the series of workshops last April with "Foundations for Success," which focused on trustee roles and responsibilities. In May board members learned about "Libraries and the Law," and "Take Your Services Up a Notch" in June focused on planning and standards. "Making Every Dollar Count," offered in September, was the final session in the series and tackled the financial issues.

The workshops were offered by videoconference to six libraries across the state, and featured Barbara Weaver, Kent Brown, Annie Busch, Don Gaertner, and Jan Horton as speakers.

Secretary of State Matt Blunt and State Librarian Sara Parker congratulate the following trustees on their successful completion of the series:

- Rita Henderson, Adair County Public Library
- Marylyn Piepmeier, Appleton City Public Library
- Ron Wegener, Barton County Library
- Audrey Gromer, Bollinger County Library
- Elaine Burrows, Carter County Library
- Jeanette Clark, Daniel Boone Regional Library
- Tiff Lauffer, Daniel Boone Regional Library
- Joyce Porter, Daniel Boone Regional Library
- Thelma McManus, Doniphan-Ripley County Library
- Paula Delaney, Little Dixie Regional Library
- Ellen Gehringer, Macon Public Library
- Chris Nobbe, Maplewood Public Library
- Richard Arambula, Mountain View Public Library
- Lucretia Craw, Northeast Missouri Library Service
- Carla Derrick, Northeast Missouri Library Service
- Mary Louise Jenkins, Northeast Missouri Library Service
- Helen Macomber, Northeast Missouri Library Service

University press bibliography now online

Each year, librarians who work with students and the general public select, review, and rate hundreds of books from scholarly presses. The results are published by the Association of American University Presses (AAUP) in an annual volume, "University Press Books Selected for Public and Secondary School Libraries," distributed free of charge to more than 13,000 U.S. librarians. For the first time this collection development tool is also being made available online at www.aaupnet.org/librarybooks.

The almost 500 books listed in the 2004 edition include works on a wide variety of subjects - Eskimo architecture, zinfandel, camembert, Spanish-language science fiction, "The Simpsons," dragons, mummies, and the American presidency, to name a few. A joint project of AAUP, the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), and the Public Library Association (PLA), this bibliography is a popular and trusted acquisitions resource.

What is metadata?

"Understanding Metadata" is the newest publication from the National Information Standards Organization, available for download from www.niso.org. The booklet covers a range of fundamentals, from a definition of metadata and descriptions of the type of metadata, to practical advice on creating metadata and future directions. Bulk copies for distribution can be ordered from NISO, at 301-654-2512.

Three Missouri museums receive IMLS grants

Officials at the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recently announced awards of \$16,406,694 to 190 recipients of the Museums of America grant program. The grants help museums sustain the country's cultural heritage, support lifelong learning, and serve as centers of community engagements.

Applicants provide matching funds and the grants are flexible and fund a variety of projects. Three museums in Missouri received funding during this round:

The Discover Center of Springfield received a grant for \$147,346 to create an awareness program for the numerous cultures represented in the local school system. The Center is collaborating with public schools and other local organizations to plan, fabricate, install, and staff a permanent exhibit area called "World Tour."

Still National Osteopathic Museum in Kirksville also received an IMLS grant, for \$104,540. The Museum will use the funds to expand health and science curriculum modules and supplementary classroom activities for kindergarten through twelfth grade students. The project is designed to address low student achievement scores on the Missouri Achievement Program in 43 rural/underserved school districts.

Washington University Gallery of Art received \$57,197 to support the gallery's Collections Access Project. The project will create online public access to the gallery's collections. The collection records will be updated, the Web site redesigned, and digital images of the collection will be created.

IMLS is an independent federal agency dedicated to helping libraries and museums serve their communities. To learn more about other grant opportunities go to www.imls.gov.

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